

Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A medicine dispensing device ~~for dispensing medicine,~~
comprising:

a dispensing device ~~body,~~ body;

_____ a cassette fixed removably to the dispensing device body in order to contain medicines in
a linear arrangement; ~~and while arranging, and~~

_____ a pushing ~~means~~ mechanism for pushing out the medicines in the cassette toward one end
side thereof,

the cassette including a cover for covering all of the linearly arranged ~~to arrange the~~
~~contained~~ medicines contained therein, and a stopping/receiving part disposed internally and in a
longitudinal direction of the cassette, wherein all of the medicines are exposed when the cover is
moved to an open position, and

the pushing ~~means~~ mechanism including an abutting part contained in the cassette and
adapted to abut ~~abutting~~ against the medicines contained therein, a biasing part for biasing the
abutting part against the ~~medicine~~ medicines so as to press ~~and arrange~~ the medicines from one
end side, and a stopping part stopping at the stopping/receiving part of the cassette only when the
cover is opened so that the abutting part is prevented from pressing the medicines in conformity
to biasing force of the biasing part,

_____ wherein when the abutting part is moved, the stopping part is released from the
stopping/receiving part and the abutting part is moved to an arbitrary position so as to allow
positioning.

2. (Original) The device for dispensing medicine as defined in Claim 1, wherein the pushing means is constituted such that the biasing part and the stopping part are housed in a casing and one end face of the casing functions as the abutting part.

3. (Original) The device for dispensing medicine as defined in Claim 1, wherein the cassette includes fallout preventing means for preventing contained medicines from falling out in a state that the cassette is dismounted from the dispensing device body, and

the dispensing device body includes a canceling part for canceling fallout prevention by the fallout preventing means when the cassette is mounted and a dispensing part for allowing the medicines in the cassette to be dispensed one by one.

4. (Original) The device for dispensing medicine as defined in Claim 1, wherein the stopping/receiving part is constituted of a stopping rack composed of a plurality of recess parts juxtaposed along a longitudinal direction of the cassette, and the stopping part has a gear which rotates in response to opening and closing operation of the cover to engage with the stopping rack.

5. (Currently Amended) The device for dispensing medicine as defined in Claim 4, wherein the pushing means includes a gear engaged with the stopping rack and an oil ~~dumper~~damper integrated with the gear, and the biasing part is constituted of a constant-load spring.

6. (Previously Presented) The device for dispensing medicine as defined in Claim 3, wherein the dispensing part is constituted of a rotor having a circular plane allowing medicines to be held one by one, the rotor being rotated by power transmitted through a gear provided on a rotating shaft, the gear being engaged with a rack formed on a rod, the rod being able to reciprocate.

7. (Previously Presented) The device for dispensing medicine as defined in Claim 3, wherein the dispensing part is constituted of a rotor having a circular plane allowing medicines to be held one by one, the rotor being rotated by power transmitted through a gear provided on a rotating shaft, the gear being engaged with a drive gear which drives rotationally, the drive gear being able to come into contact with or break away from the gear of each rotor in a plurality of cassettes.

8. (Previously Presented) The device for dispensing medicine as defined in Claim 3, wherein the fallout prevention means is constituted of a plate spring provided on one end aperture of the cassette, the plate spring being elastically deformable from being at a fallout prevention position for preventing medicines from falling out from the cassettes to being at a medicine dispensing position for permitting the dispensing part to dispense medicines.

9. (Currently Amended) The device for dispensing medicine as defined in Claim 8, wherein the dispensing part is constituted of a rotor having a circular plane allowing medicines to be held

one by one, the rotor being rotated by power transmitted through a gear provided on a rotating shaft, and

_____ wherein the plate spring elastically supports a head medicine so as not to move a position of a next medicine when the head medicine received on the circular plane of the rotor is dispensed from the cassette by rotation of the rotor.

10.(Original) The device for dispensing medicine as defined in Claim 1, wherein the dispensing device body includes a pusher for driving the dispensing part of the cassette to dispense medicines and a stopping/retaining member geared to the pusher to engage with or disengage from the cassette.

11. (Currently Amended) The device for dispensing medicine as defined in claim 4, wherein the dispensing device body includes a dispensing part for allowing the medicines in the cassette to be dispensed one by one, and

_____ wherein the dispensing part is constituted of a rotor having a circular plane allowing medicines to be held one by one, the rotor being rotated by power transmitted through a gear provided on a rotating shaft, the gear being engaged with a rack formed on a rod, the rod being able to reciprocate.

12. (Currently Amended) The device for dispensing medicine as defined in claim 4, wherein the dispensing device body includes a dispensing part for allowing the medicines in the cassette to be

dispensed one by one, and

_____ wherein the dispensing part is constituted of a rotor having a circular plane allowing medicines to be held one by one, the rotor being rotated by power transmitted through a gear provided on a rotating shaft, the gear being engaged with a drive gear which drives rotationally, the drive gear being able to come into contact with or break away from the gear of each rotor in a plurality of cassettes.

13. (Currently Amended) The device for dispensing medicine as defined in claim 4, wherein the cassette includes fallout preventing means for preventing contained medicines from falling out in a state that the cassette is dismounted from the dispensing device body, and

_____ wherein the fallout prevention means is constituted of a plate spring provided on one end aperture of the cassette, the plate spring being elastically deformable from ~~being at a fallout prevention position for preventing medicines from falling out from the cassettes to being at a~~ medicine dispensing position for permitting the dispensing part to dispense medicines.

14. (New) The device for dispensing medicine as defined in claim 1, wherein the cover extends along a longitudinal direction of the cassette and includes a pressing part, extending along the longitudinal direction of the cassette, for abutting the linearly arranged medicines in a closed position of the cover.